



Tuesday 14 January 2025

Dear Parents /carers,

Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena - Friday 24 January 2025 - Final Information

Our concert date is now fast approaching and it would be very helpful for your child to continue to practise the songs and dance moves at home in between our school music lessons. This will give them the best possible opportunity to get the most out of the day and they will certainly enjoy it so much more if they feel confident with all the words and movements. If you have not yet signed them up to access the resources then could you please add them as a child by using the following link:

<https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/register-referral?code=MTg2MS8xNzM2MzQxMjQ5>

They will then find videos of all the lyrics and dance moves that we are learning in school (no word sheets will be allowed during the performance).

Children should come to school on the day in their Young Voices T-shirt (if ordered) or a plain white t-shirt and leggings / trousers with trainers / boots. They should also wear their school blazers (so that it is easier for us to identify the students during the day). They will need to bring **two** packed lunches, one for lunchtime and one to eat between the rehearsal and the concert - together with a water bottle and a **small** bag to take these in.

The Dining Room will also be available for students to purchase snacks prior to leaving if they would like to. Students eligible for Free School Meals will have one packed lunch provided by the Dining Hall for taking with them on the trip. Students should collect this from the Dining Hall during Period 2 and should bring a bag with them for this to go in. If students eligible for Free School Meals would like an additional second packed lunch provided, please contact me and we will arrange for this.

Students should also leave their Chromebooks at home for the day of the trip, so that they do not need to take them with them.

The itinerary for the day is as follows:

10:05 - Warm-up / final practice in the school hall

11:30 - Depart school

13:30 - Arrive at O2 - eat packed lunch

14:00 - Rehearsal starts

17:00 - Eat Packed Lunch

19:00 - Concert starts

20:45 - Concert finishes

21:30 - Leave O2

23:00 - Coach estimated to arrive back at AHS - students to be collected from the school.

Young Voices and the O2 are very clear that, in order to keep the students safe, children will not be able to be collected at the concert and will need to be collected from the school. The venue is incredibly busy after the concert and it is simply not realistic to allocate a safe and available pick-up point.

Audience tickets that have been ordered have been distributed to the email address that was used during the ticket purchase process and you will have received an email with details on how to access these. If you are coming to watch as a parent/carer, it is recommended you make a note of all the details such as Block, Row and Seat number. Please ensure that you arrive early so that you do not miss the start of the concert. At the end of the show, please make your way to the exits as soon as possible as the children can only start to be released from the auditorium once the concourse is clear of audience members.

Any pupil t-shirt packs that have been purchased will be distributed in the week prior to the trip.

As a final note, students who have medical conditions should bring their required medication with them (e.g. 2 epipens, 2 inhalers, piriton) as per any risk assessments. **It will not otherwise be possible to allow the student to attend the trip.**

I am looking forward to what I trust will be a very exciting and fulfilling day for the students; please encourage them to keep practising over the next couple of weeks!

Kind regards

Mark Warner
Director of Music